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Environmental guidance for demolition contractors

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Hurricanes Katrina and Rita left tens of thousands of buildings in South Louisiana severely damaged. As part of the recovery process, the owners of these properties must make decisions on what to do with their damaged buildings. Although many of these property owners have decided to repair their storm damaged buildings, many others have opted to demolish the entire structure and rebuild from the ground up.

Because of the potentially abundant need for demolition services in the area, many new demolition companies have sprung up since the storms. These newer companies may not be aware that in Louisiana there are certain regulations which must be adhered to when demolishing a building or structure. The following is a brief description of the applicable regulations:

AIR QUALITY - According to LAC 33:III.1305, all reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent particulate material from becoming airborne, including but not limited to the use of water for the control of dust in the demolition of existing buildings or structures.

SOLID WASTE - According to LAC 33:VII.115, construction/demolition (C/D) debris includes but is not limited to metal, concrete, brick, asphalt, roofing material, or lumber from a construction or demolition project. Following Hurricane Katrina the definition of C/D waste was expanded to include furniture, carpet, insulation, treated and painted lumber, etc.

- Only C/D wastes can be disposed of in a C/D Landfill (Type III Landfill).

- If a demolished building or structure is to be disposed of as C/D waste all unauthorized waste must be segregated from the building prior to disposal.

- Unauthorized wastes include but are not limited to household hazardous waste (HHW), tires, whitegoods, and electronic wastes.

ASBESTOS - According to LAC 33:III.5151, any institutional, commercial, public, industrial or residential structure, installation or building having five (5) or more dwelling units is subject to applicable asbestos regulations.

- As such, any building to be demolished must be thoroughly inspected for the presence of asbestos prior to the start of demolition activities.

- Additionally, an Asbestos Notification of Demolition Form (AAC-2 Form) must be sent to the LDEQ Main Office in Baton Rouge whether the inspection reveals the presence of asbestos or not.

REFRIGERANT HANDLING - According to 40 CFR Part 82, Subpart F, of the Federal Regulations, refrigerants (freon) from air conditioning systems must be recovered by an EPA certified technician prior to disposal of the system.

For questions regarding regulations that apply to demolition of buildings contact your local DEQ office.

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EPA takes step to reduce burden on small business

EPA has responded to small businesses and taken a step toward reducing their paperwork burden by reforming the Toxics Release Inventory rule. EPA's reform will help America's small businesses, especially manufacturers, remain competitive while still informing communities of the use of toxic materials by local firms.

The final TRI Rule announced December 18, 2006 expands eligibility for use of the Form A Certification Statement in lieu of the more detailed Form R by TRI facilities submitting required annual reports on releases and other waste management. This rule provides incentives for facilities to improve environmen-

tal performance by eliminating or reducing releases and managing remaining wastes using preferred methods such as recycling and treatment.

For more information, please visit the web sites at:

www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/modrule/phase2/forma.htm

www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments/tri06.html; or contact Kevin Bromberg at 202-205-6533 regarding this issue.

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Expedited permits pilot program

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A pilot program has been established to expedite the processing of permits, modifications, licenses, registrations, or variances for those who request such services. There are certain qualifications for eligibility, and additional fees will be assessed.


For more information contact the DEQ Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3550 or email deqregdev@la.gov. The Rule is available on the DEQ web site at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx.

Requests shall be submitted using the approved form which is available on the DEQ website. Hard copies may be obtained from the OES, Environmental Assistance Division, Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313.

Underground Storage Tank Training (1st Quarter)

Date	Location	Time
11-Jan-07	DEQ - Baton Rouge	1pm - 5pm
23-Jan-07	DEQ - Baton Rouge	1pm - 5pm
(If needed)		
15-Feb-07	Shreveport	8am - 12 Noon
13-Mar-07	Lafayette	8am - 12 Noon

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